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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/W

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MR (OULD DADDAH, MARIEM)

SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT'S WIFE
TO U.S.

REF: A) NOUAKCHOTT 2075, B) STATE 212482

1. WASHINGTON SEGMENT OF PROGRAM: WE HAVE REQUESTED CALLS ON MRS. FORD, HUD SECRETARY CARLA HILLS, AND CONGRESSWOMAN BOGGS. NO COMMITMENTS YET. SECRETARY HILLS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL NEXT WEEK, BUT HER STAFF HAS TENTATIVELY BLOCKED OUT 10:00 A.M. ON 13TH AS POSSIBILITY, EMPHASIZING THAT THIS MUST BE CHECKED UPON SECRETARY'S RETURN. AF/W INFORMED MAURITANIAN CHARGE THAT AMB. SCHAUFLELE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND DINNER BECAUSE HE CANNOT BE SURE HE WILL HAVE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON BY SEPT. 14 AFTER TRAVEL TO EUROPE FOR SECOND MEETING WITH VORSTER. CHARGE UNDERSTOOD BUT REAFFIRMED THAT INVITATION TO SCHAUFLELE STANDS EVEN IF UNCERTAINTY OVER HIS PRESENCE ARISES.

2. UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA SEGMENT: THERE IS LATE AFTER-
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NOON FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON TO TUCSON (AMERICAN NO. 115

LV DULLES 5:45 ARR TUCSON 8:34 P.M.). AF/W SPOKE TO

DR. FISCHER IN TUCSON WHO PLEASED THAT MME. OULD DADDAH WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE TWO FULL WORKING DAYS SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17 ON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM. DR. FISCHER MUST FULFILL LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT ELSEWHERE THOSE DATES, BUT DR. W.G. (JERRY) MATLOCK WILL BE IN CHARGE OF PROGRAM ASSISTED BY DR. MYRA DINNERSTEIN.

3. GRAND CANYON SEGMENT: THERE IS MORNING FLIGHT (7:45 A.M.) FROM TUCSON TO PHOENIX, AND THERE ARE DAILY AFTERNOON FLIGHTS (3:40 P.M.) FROM PHOENIX TO GRAND CANYON BY AIR WEST NO. 883 AND FROM GRAND CANYON (4:35 P.M.) TO LAS VEGAS FOR CONNECTING FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES. UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA PROGRAM COORDINATOR DR. FISCHER STRONGLY SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT PARTY MAY WISH TO USE UNIVERSITY AUTOMOBILE (WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DOLS 120 COST) FOR DRIVE FROM TUCSON TO GRAND CANYON, ACCOMPANIED BY DR. MATLOCK. LANDSCAPE FROM TUCSON TO PHOENIX HAS CHARACTERISTICS OF MAURITANIA, WHILE REMAINDER WOULD BE BY OAK CREEK CANYON ROUTE FAVORED BY TOURISTS IN THIS REGION. TOTAL TIME SIX TO SEVEN HOURS. PARTY COULD OVERNIGHT AT "GRAND CANYON LODGE" ON RIM OF SCENIC CANYON, AND DRIVE BACK TO PHOENIX LATE AFTERNOON FOLLOWING DAY (SUNDAY) FOR CONNECTING FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL. IT SOUNDS INTERESTING TO THOSE OF US IN AF/W WITH SOME EXPERIENCE IN THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST. HOWEVER, RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE SOONEST.

4. AIR TRAVEL COSTS PER PERSON FIRST CLASS FARE:
WASHINGTON, D.C. TO TUCSON -- DOLS 246.00. TUCSON TO PHOENIX -- DOLS 39.00. PHOENIX TO GRAND CANYON DOLS 42.00. GRAND CANYON TO LAS VEGAS DOLS 65.00. LAS VEGAS TO LOS ANGELES -- DOLS 53.00. PHOENIX TO LOS ANGELES -- DOLS 74.00. LOS ANGELES TO SAN FRANCISCO -- DOLS 67.00. SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK JFK -- DOLS 301.00.

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